

Amendments to the claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A housing adapted to enclose a tie-down device comprising a length of strap and a locking mechanism, said housing comprising a ~~sack having a volume sufficient to contain a portion of said length of strap, and a~~ generally flat an enclosable portion adapted to contain said locking mechanism, at least one free end extending from said enclosable portion, and a sack extending from said enclosable portion and having a volume sufficient to contain a portion of said length of strap, said sack being foldable upon said ~~flat~~ enclosable portion and securable thereon by said at least one free end.
2. (Currently amended) the housing of claim 1, further comprising a pair of spaced slits in said ~~generally flat~~ enclosable portion of said housing.
3. (Original) ~~the~~ The housing of claim 2, wherein each of said slits is adapted to receive a portion of said length of strap.
4. (Currently amended) The housing of claim 1, further comprising a second free end extending from ~~wherein~~ said ~~generally flat~~ enclosable portion ~~has opposite free ends,~~ and wherein said ~~opposite~~ free ends are adapted to be folded onto one another to enclose said sack to configure said housing in its assembled configuration.
5. (Original) A cargo tie-down system comprising, in combination, a tie down device comprising a tie-down strap and a locking mechanism to tension

said strap, and a housing for enclosing said locking mechanism and for securing any excess tie-down strap formed after tensioning said strap with said locking mechanism, said housing comprising a sack having a volume sufficient to contain said excess tie-down strap, and a generally flat portion adapted to contain said locking mechanism, said sack being foldable upon said flat portion and securable thereon.

6. (Original) The cargo tie-down system of claim 5, wherein said generally flat portion comprises a pair of spaced slits through which said tie-down strap is threaded.

7. (Original) The cargo tie-down system of claim 5, wherein said generally flat portion has opposite free ends, and wherein said opposite free ends are adapted to be folded onto one another to enclose said sack.

8. (Original) The cargo tie-down system of claim 5, wherein said generally flat portion has opposite free ends, and wherein said opposite free ends are adapted to be folded onto one another to enclose said locking mechanism.

9. (New) The housing of claim 2, wherein one of said slits is spaced inwardly of said sack.

10. (New) A housing adapted to enclose a tie-down device comprising a length of strap and a locking mechanism, said housing having a folded state and an unfolded state, said housing comprising, in its unfolded state, a generally centrally located body portion, a sack having an open end and extending from said generally centrally located body portion and being foldable thereon, and a plurality of free ends extending from said generally centrally located body portion

and being foldable thereon, and wherein when said housing is in its folded state, said open end of said sack faces said generally centrally located body portion and is secured by at least one of said free ends.

11. (New) The housing of claim 10, wherein said generally centrally located body portion comprises a pair of spaced slits.